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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's Motion to Solicit Comments from Utilities and Other Interested Stakeholders Regarding Measures to be Taken to Mitigate Impacts of Threats to Safe and Reliable Utility Service;
Request to Establish a Procedural Schedule on an Expedited Basis
Docket No: **2021-66-A**;

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As you are aware from previous filings in the above-referenced matter, Governor Henry McMaster requested that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") "undertake a comprehensive review of the State's public and private power grid to evaluate its ability to withstand potential ice storms and other dangerous winter weather conditions." In response to this request, ORS moved that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") open a docket requiring regulated electric and natural gas utilities and inviting other non-regulated utilities to provide information regarding, among other things, measures to mitigate the negative impacts of potential ice storms and other dangerous weather conditions and to ensure peak customer demands can be met during extreme weather scenarios.

Since filing the Motion, ORS has discussed this matter both internally and with various stakeholders and has reached the conclusion that time is of the essence in this proceeding. The nature and scope of the issues related to examining the status and resiliency of the State's electric and natural gas infrastructure likely will require many months of investigation and review following the submission of comments by the regulated and non-regulated utilities. And, ORS believes that it is important to report to Governor McMaster on these issues in advance of the 2021-2022 winter heating season. Accordingly, ORS respectfully requests that a Standing Hearing

Officer establish on an expedited basis a schedule for the utilities and other stakeholders to file their comments within 90 days.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record to this matter. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

s/ Benjamin P. Mustian

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cc: All Parties of Record
David Butler, Esquire